to time. The import of this waste therefore requires specific permission of the Ministry of Environment & Forests. No such permission has been given to any authority or person by the Ministry till date.

Assistance to Rajasthan and Punjab for Environmental Projects

231. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any financial assistance has been provided by Government to the States of Rajasthan and Punjab for development and promotion of environment projects during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details of such projects and the amount provided therefor;

(c) whether funds provided by Government have been fully utilized by the State Governments; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The details of financial assistance provided by Government to the Rajasthan and Punjab State Government for development and promotion of environment projects during the last two years and utilisation by the State Governments is given in the Statement.

Statement

Details of financial assistance provided by Government to Rajasthan and Bihar for environmental projects

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Name of State	Amount Released/ Allocated during the last two years	Funds Utilised by the State during the last two years(as on 1.9.2004)
1	2	3	4	5
1.	National River Conservation Plan (NRCP)	Punjab	4890.00	4913.87
		Rajasthan	0.00	65.65

1	2	3	4	5
2.	Promotion of Common Effluent Treatment Plans (CETPs)	Punjab	4.00	4.00
3.	National wetlands Conservation programme	Punjab Rajasthan	82.90 85.98	0.00 60.00
4.	Integrated Forest Protection (Known as Forest Fire Control & Management in Ninth Plan)	Rajasthan	55.00	55.00
5.	National Afforestation Programme (NAP)	Punjab Rajasthan	199.00 1001.00	199.00 1001.00
6.	Project Tiger	Rajasthan	453.25	453.25
7.	Assistance for Development National Parks & Sanctuaries	Rajasthan	581.09	208.76
8.	India Eco Development Project	Rajasthan	861.52	779.11

NOTE: The higher utilisation of funds in some years is because of utilisation of unspent funds carried forward from previous years and in some cases also includes the share of the State Government.

Guidelines for using animals in scientific experiments

232. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has formulated guidelines for using animals in scientific experiments;

(b) whether the Ministry has also proposed an amendment to the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) Yes, Sir. A consultative groups was constituted by the Ministry which comprised of